

House District 14

Patrick J. Carney, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: October 1, 1928
PLACE OF BIRTH: New Lexington, Ohio
CHILDREN: Nine grown children
RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 1101 N. Fishhook Road
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Wasilla, Alaska 99687
OCCUPATION: Farmer-Businessman
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 54 years
Wasilla 1949-present

EDUCATION:
Austinburg High School, Ohio, graduated 1947;
University of Alaska 1969-1973.

MILITARY:
U.S. Army, Sgt. First Class, 1950-1952; Service Awards:
Bronze Star.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Vice President, Wasilla Refuse, 1974-1998;
Alaska House of Representatives, 1979-1982 and
1991-1994: Vice Chair, House Community and Regional
Affairs Committee, 1979-1980; Member, House Finance
Committee, 1981-1982; Chair, Special Committee on
Agriculture, 1979-1980; Co-Chair, House Health,
Education and Social Services Committee; Member
House Resources Committee, 1991-1992; Member,
Special Committee on Oil and Gas, 1991-1992;
Member, Legislative Budget and Audit Committee,
1991-1992; Member, House Rules Committee,
1993-1994.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, enjoying Alaskan Outdoors, skiing, horseback riding, farming, reading, public service.

STATEMENT:

The ongoing task we face in State Government is to protect essential services, while eliminating waste and duplication. We cannot continue to reduce State spending for roads, schools and basic infrastructure at the expense of our local taxpayers.

The Mat-Su Borough has become a bedroom community for Anchorage. We are faced with the costs of providing education and services for a staggering influx of population and we are facing an ongoing threat of higher taxes. Reducing the State budget at the expense of local government is not acceptable. I will work in Juneau to gain recognition of our situation.

We must encourage the creation of new sources of revenue. It is time to push aggressively for the construction of the natural gas pipeline in order to market our natural gas NOW.

I was a member of the legislature that created the Permanent Fund Dividend program. The dividend program was created to protect the Permanent Fund principal from the hands of future legislators. The system is working just as we expected, and I do not see any reason to change it. We now have thousands of Alaskans who have a vested interest in protecting the Fund.

I will work for better government, and I will provide effective and responsive representation. As a 54 year resident of Wasilla, I understand the issues and concerns of our district, and will always be accessible to discuss them with you.

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